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1. GOT HAS NOT YET COMMENTED OFFICIALLY ON THE DISPUTE
BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOLLOWING THE
EGYPTIAN RESCUE ATTEMPT AT LARNACA AIRPORT. HOWEVER,
MFA SOURCE, SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY, COMMENTED TO US THAT
THE TURKISH REACTION TO THE SITUATION SEEMED BEST
DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

A. TURKEY BELIEVES THAT, UNLESS INTERVENTION IS PROVIDED FOR BY TREATY, ALL STATES SHOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OUTSIDE THEIR HOME BORDERS.

B. THE LARNACA INCIDENT AND ENSUING TROUBLES ILLUSTRATE THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER TROUBLE ON THE ISLAND SO LONG AS THE CYPRUS PROBLEM REMAINS UNSOLVED. THE BEST LESSON TO DRAW FROM THE INCIDENT IS THAT ALL PARTIES SHOULD PRESS AHEAD TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHOUT DELAY.

C. AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN ALLOWING TERRORISTS AND OTHER SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS TO ESTABLISH BASES IN CYPRUS.

2. WE HAVE SO FAR SEEN NO SIGN THAT TURKEY INTENDS TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN ANY WAY IN THE EGYPTIAN-GREEK CYPRIOT DISPUTE.
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